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Hon. Andrew J. Peck
United States Magistrate Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St., Room 1370
New York, NY 10007

MEMO ENDORSED 8/21/08

EXTENSION ONLY TO 9/1/08.
ANY FURTHER REQUESTS SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO JUDGE HARLAN IN SEPT
UNLESS THE PARTIES CONSENT TO MY
DECIDING THE CASE PURSUANT TO
28 USC § 636(c).

Re: Ajayi v. NYC Department of Homeless Services, et al.
Docket No. 08 Civ. 3649 (LAK)(AJP)

SO ORDERED:

Hon. Andrew J. Peck
United States Magistrate Judge

Dear Magistrate Judge Peck:

I am the Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, assigned to represent defendant New York City Department of Homeless Services¹ in the above-referenced action. I write to respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time to respond to plaintiff's Complaint, from August 25th to October 23rd. This is the first request for such an extension and plaintiff *pro se*, Mr. Oladele Ajayi consents to this request.

¹ This office has not discussed with the putative defendants the manner of service, and we make no representation herein as to the adequacy of process on these putative defendants. Although this office does not currently represent the individually named defendants, and assuming they were properly served, we respectfully request an extension of time to reply on their behalf also, in order that their defenses are not jeopardized while representational issues are being decided.

The instant matter is brought pro se pursuant to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, New York State Human Rights Law and The New York City Human Rights Law in which plaintiff alleges wrongful termination and failure to accommodate his disability. We are requesting this extension in order to afford this office the opportunity to investigate the allegations in the Complaint and prepare an appropriate response. In addition, because plaintiff has named six individual defendants in this matter, we will need to determine service, jurisdiction and representation issues. Additionally, the instant request is in part attributable to current schedule conflicts. In particular, I am preparing to start a trial in the matter of Shapiro et al. v. The New York City Department of Education et al. (JSR)(HBP) which is currently scheduled to commence on September 8th before Judge Rakoff. As this case involves eight plaintiffs and is scheduled to last approximately 3 weeks, it has consumed my schedule and has resulted in the need for the present application.

For these reasons, defendants respectfully request an extension of time to answer or otherwise respond to plaintiff's Complaint until October 23, 2008. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,


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